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Human rights treaty body system

The General Assembly,

Recalling the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, [1] the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, [1] the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, [2] the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, [3] the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, [4] the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, [5] the Convention on the Rights of the Child, [6] the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, [7] the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment [8] and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, [9]

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17 of 28 May 1985,

Recalling further its resolution 68/268 of 9 April 2014 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system,

[1] See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.
[2] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2515, No. 44910.
[3] Ibid., vol. 2716, No. 48088.
[4] Ibid., vol. 2220, No. 39481.
[5] Ibid., vol. 1249, No. 20378.
[6] Ibid., vol. 1577, No. 27531.
[7] Ibid., vol. 660, No. 9464.
[8] Ibid., vol. 1465, No. 24841.
[9] Ibid., vol. 2375, No. 24841.

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Recalling its resolution 71/185 of 19 December 2016 on the human rights treaty body system,

Reaffirming that the full and effective implementation of international human rights instruments by States parties is of major importance to the efforts of the United Nations to promote universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and that the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system is indispensable for the full and effective implementation of such instruments,

Recognizing the important, valuable and unique role and contribution of each of the human rights treaty bodies in the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including through their examination of the progress made by States parties to the respective human rights treaties in fulfilling their relevant obligations and their provision of recommendations to States parties on the implementation of such treaties,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the human rights treaty body system;[10]

2. *Welcomes* the annual reports of the human rights treaty bodies submitted to the General Assembly at its seventy-second and seventy-third sessions and to the Economic and Social Council at its 2017 and 2018 sessions;

3. *Invites* the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies to address and engage in an interactive dialogue with the General Assembly at its seventy-fourth and seventy-fifth sessions under the item relevant to the work of the treaty body;

4. *Encourages* all stakeholders to continue their efforts for the full implementation of resolution 68/268;

5. *Reaffirms* paragraphs 27 and 28 of its resolution 68/268, in which it decided that amendments to the resourcing of the system would be made at the request of the Secretary-General in line with established budgetary procedures and as a part of his future programme budget for the human rights treaty body system;

6. *Recalls* paragraph 22 of its resolution 68/268, in which it decided, in principle, with the aim of enhancing the accessibility and visibility of the human rights treaty bodies, to webcast, as soon as feasible, the public meetings of the treaty bodies, and decides in this regard to provide, as of 2020, in all the official languages used in the respective committees, live webcasts and video archives of relevant meetings of the treaty bodies that are available, accessible, searchable and secure, including from cyberattacks;

7. *Expresses appreciation* for the organization of discussions on matters related to the implementation of each human rights treaty at meetings of the States parties thereto, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to support such practices;

8. *Also expresses appreciation* for the opportunity to interact with the Chairs of the treaty bodies during their annual meetings, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to support such opportunities;

9. *Further expresses appreciation* for the advisory services, capacity-building and technical assistance provided by the Secretary-General to support States parties in building their capacity to implement their treaty obligations, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in this regard;

[10] A/73/309.

10. *Reiterates* its request, in paragraph 40 of its resolution 68/268, that the Secretary-General submit to it a comprehensive report on the status of the human rights treaty body system, and, in view of the decision, in paragraph 41 of that resolution, to consider the state of the human rights treaty body system no later than 2020, requests the Secretary-General to submit that report in January 2020, in advance of the review of the human rights treaty body system.